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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. OF SENATORS SARNEY AND MONTORO

1. WHEN DR. JEREMY STONE, DIRECTOR OF FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS VISITED BRAZIL, HE MET WITH SENATORS JOSE SARNEY COSTA AND ANDRE FRANCO MONTORO, PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT RESPECTIVELY OF INSTITUTO DE PESQUISAS, ESTUDOS E ASSESSORIA DO CONGRESSO, WHO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VISITING OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT OF U.S. CONGRESS. AS A RESULT, RUSSELL W. PETERSON, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE, WROTE DIRECTLY TO SARNEY AND MONTORO, EXPRESSING HIS DESIRE TO MEET THEM AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRIEFINGS WHEN THEY HAD DEVELOPED THEIR PLANS FOR VISITING WASHINGTON. (COPY RUSSELL PETERSON'S LETTER OF APRIL 25, 1978 TO FOLLOW BY POUCH.) WE UNDERSTAND THROUGH OFFICE OF SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY THAT BRAZILIAN SENATORS WISH THAT SEN. KENNEDY INVITE THEM IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT BOARD WHICH OVERSEES THE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT.
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2. SEN. KENNEDY'S OFFICE ASKS THAT EMBASSY PASS ORAL INVITATION TO SARNEY AND MONTORO ON HIS BEHALF, STATING THAT SENATOR WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF SENATORS SARNEY AND MONTORO COULD VISIT THE OTA; THAT THE INTERVENING PERIOD BEFORE THE OCTOBER 7 ADJOURNMENT IS VERY BUSY SO THAT

UNFORTUNATELY SENATOR KENNEDY WILL BE UNABLE TO PASS AS MUCH TIME WITH SARNEY AND MONTORO AS HE WOULD LIKE (FYI: THIS MEANS A HALF HOUR SESSION), BUT THAT REMAINDER OF VISIT WILL BE HANDLED BY (EX-)GOVERNOR PETERSON, DIRECTOR OF OTA.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION OF SPECIAL OTA INTERESTS OF BRAZILIANS, PLUS EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING OTHER POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE SENATORS IF THEY DECIDE TO COME. DR. STONE'S OFFICE INFORMS US THAT HE AND FEDERATION WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM.

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